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Mr. Roger Delaney Office of Security Review Department of Defense Pentagon Washington 25, D. C

Dear Mr. Delaney:

CIA has reviewed the MORES ON U.S. VE U.S.S.R. CAPABILITY IS and recommends that the SOURS be revised. These MORES contain classified information which should not be made public by any to in the U.S. Government. The last paragraph on Page 5 touches in highly classified data and the entire paragraph should be delicated.

The following specific comments are made in the hope of making more accurate and more security-safe the final address being prepared by the Secretary of Defense:

- Page 1, Pars. 3. The statement that the U.S.S.R. has no operational air-to-surface missible to compare with those of the United States should be checked further before being approved for inclusion in this proposed public statement.
- Page 2, Para. 2- The second sentence, that the United States is about even with the U.S.S.R. in ICEM's, is mislending. This Agency has no official knowledge as to she number of operational United States ICEM's. Although we have not positively identified any operationally deployed ICEM sites in the U.S.S.R., our estimate is that some 75-35 ICEM's are now on launcher in the U.S.S.R.
- Page 2, Para. 3. The statements that the Soviete say have a moderate numerical superiority in ICEM's for two years, which then would be greatly reduced or even

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eliminated, depends upon what as meant by "moderate superiority." He do not know the U.S. numbers. CIA estimates that the U.S.S.R. will have some 270 ICBN's on launcher by mid-1968; these probably will have a very large varhead and great accuracy .

Page 3, Para. 3-

The statements on surface-to-ear missiles do not take into account the extremely large number and wide dispersal of Seviet SA-2 missiles in the W.S.S.R. Also, it probably would be better to me the ters "Guideline missile" instead of "SA-2."

Page 5, Para.1-

On numbers of submarines, the numbers gives for those of the Soviets should state that 100 are coastal types. For those of the United States, paramys the number 150 would be better than the 110-190.

Page 5, Pare. 2 - As to nuclear-powered submeriums, the language hope should clearly indicate that the floriets have almost cartainly launched a few auclesppercent enhancines. Settler or not they are assigned to an "operational" status is another matter, and perhaps less important.

Page 6, last Para. The publication of the statements in this paragraph would constitute a serious security violation. Even the generalizations given in the first sentence should be considered highly alassified.

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Further, one should certainly not say that Soviet naval sviation has been virtually abundoned. It has been out back in certain respects, bulstered in others, and generally rationalized for a strictly havel role.

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